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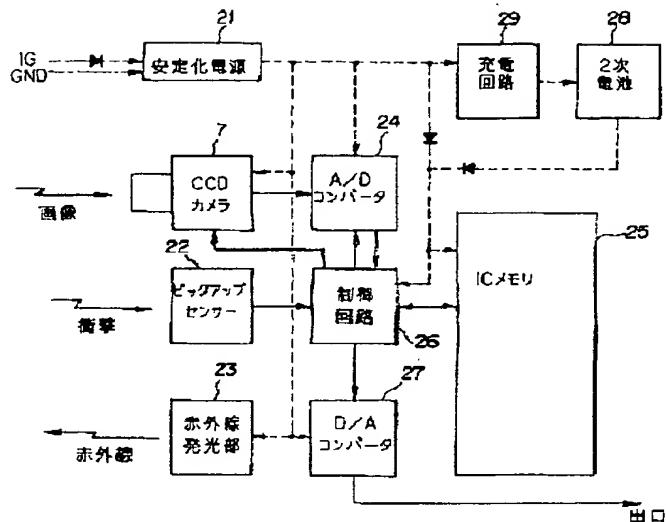
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TITLE : REARVIEW  
 MIRROR-CUM-PHOTOGRAPHING  
 FUNCTION



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a rearview mirror-cum-photographing function being excellent in environmental resistance and storability and simultaneously, capable of photographing an image surely in time of running day and night for its recording and preserving.

SOLUTION: A photographing mechanism and a controlling board both are mounted on the inside of an inner mirror, and an image photographed by a closed-circuit digital camera 7 is successively written in an integrated circuit memory 25 for preservation. In addition, when any impact from the outside is detected by a pickup sensor 22, the image photographed in a span of several seconds from this point of time is recorded, "and then it is made into a state of being on standby, stopping any renewal of the image. With this, all circumstances in time of running before and after the impact occurrence can be recorded and preserved in the IC memory 25, whereby any state in time of the impact occurrence is accurately apprehensible thereafter. In addition, the image ahead is made so as to be photographable even at night owing to an infrared light being applied out of an infrared emitting part 23.

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